



El Sol Naciente celebrates 85 years of the Masons in Aruba

In observance of their 85th anniversary, members of the El Sol Naciente Masonic Lodge gathered at the monument on L.G. Smith Boulevard, which is dedicated to L.J.M. "Nadie" Henriquez, one of the founders of the Aruba chapter its first Worshipful Master. The Grand East of the Netherlands recognized the Masonic El Sol Naciente lodge on November 15, 1920, and on the anniversary of that day the present Worshipful Master leads the membership in a remembrance ceremony. Karel Wever did the honors on Tuesday afternoon, welcoming all those attending, presenting a brief history of the order, and placing the wreath upon the monument.

Since its beginning, the El Sol Naciente lodge has reflected a cross section of the Aruban population, and the ranks swelled with the opening of the Lago Refinery and the influx of a number of freemasons from the states. During its long history since first established in the 1700's, the Society of Freemasons has "always fought against dictatorship, injustice and suffering." Most of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were freemasons, including George Washington. In this part of the world, the most famous freemason is General Simon Bolivar.

The Masonic Lodge El Sol Naciente will continue their anniversary celebration with a gala banquet at their lodge, attended with family on Saturday November 19.